

Agricultural Report

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BIG E PREVIEW

Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Conservation

Fried dough, Ferris wheels, and family fun are on the horizon as the Big E returns to the Eastern States Exhibition September 14-30, 2018 in West Springfield, MA. In 2017, the annual event attracted 1,525,553 visitors, setting an attendance record.

One of the most popular attractions at the Big E is the Avenue of States, which includes buildings for all six New England States (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont). The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) coordinates exhibit spaces for agricultural vendors within the Connecticut Building, offering a unique opportunity to showcase the diversity of Connecticut agriculture and Connecticut Grown specialty products.

More than 25 Connecticut farms, small agricultural businesses and agricultural non-profit organizations will rotate through the booth spaces during the 17-day fair. Past attendees cite brand awareness, education, and product sales as top reasons for exhibiting.

Avis and Richard Norman of Norman's Sugar House in Woodstock, CT, have been exhibiting in the building for more than 35 years showcasing their maple syrup, maple cream, maple candy, and honey products. They have seen their share of changes and recall when livestock was allowed in the building and a horse was stalled next to them. When they started, Richard was the president of the Maple Syrup Producers of Connecticut.

"In the beginning it was good advertising to promote Connecticut's maple industry as a whole - many people didn't

realize we produced syrup," he reflected. "Now we sell our own products and continue educating consumers."

Other returning farms include Cold Spring Farm, Flatland Alpacas, Killam & Bassette Farmstead, Six Paca Farm, Sweet Wind Farm, and Twin Pines Farm. New to the lineup this year will be Newgate Farm, Super Soups, Tonn's Orchard, and Urban Roots.

Connecticut agricultural industry service providers and organizations, including the Farm Bureau Association, Apple Marketing Board, Milk Promotion Board, Bridgeport Aquaculture School, Roses for Autism, Sheep Breeder's Association, Dairy Industry Council, Poultry Association, CTAgriculture.org, 2nd Company Governor's Horse Guard, and the Agricultural Experiment Station, will also be in attendance.

Connecticut Day will be held on Wednesday, September 19. Many of the programs and services available through DoAg will be represented, including Aquaculture, Resource Conservation and the Connecticut Grown Store.



Jaime Smith and Rebecca Eddy Murphy of the Connecticut Department of Agriculture offer an agricultural trivia game on the front lawn of the Connecticut Building during Harvest New England Day at the Big E.

Connecticut's farm wineries will also be well represented through the efforts of the Connecticut Farm Wine Development Council. Nine wineries, including Bishop's Orchards Winery, Hopkins Vineyard, Jonathan Edwards Winery, Jones Family Farms Winery, Lost Acres Vineyard, Rosedale Vineyards, Sunset Meadow Vineyards, Taylor Brooke Winery and Land of Nod Winery, will be pouring samples for fairgoers to taste. In addition to samples, staff will also be selling wine by the glass to be enjoyed at the fair or by the bottle to take home.

On Friday, September 28, the Connecticut Building will join the

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NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.18	1.47
LARGE	1.12	1.26
MEDIUM	.78	.91

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Per doz. Grade A brown in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.73	1.89
LARGE	1.60	1.79
MEDIUM	1.14	1.29
SMALL	.82	.92

LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	109.00	112.50
Choice 2-3	105.00	108.50
Select 1-2	100.00	105.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
Choice 1-2	80.00	83.00
Select 1-2	77.00	79.50
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	104.00	106.50
Choice 2-3	102.00	103.00
Select 1-2	102.00	102.00
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	53.00	58.50
boners 80-85% lean	49.00	54.50
lean 88-90% lean	42.00	48.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 90-130 lbs	75.00	82.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
90-110 lbs	195.00	210.00
110-130 lbs	160.00	190.00
130-150 lbs	155.00	175.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
80-120 lbs	85.00	120.00
120-160 lbs	82.00	110.00
160-200 lbs	75.00	97.00
200-300 lbs	70.00	95.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
40-60 lbs	145.00	165.00
60-80 lbs	182.00	215.00
80-100 lbs	235.00	255.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
80-130 lbs	185.00	210.00
130-180 lbs	215.00	245.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
80-100 lbs	230.00	235.00
100-150 lbs	265.00	315.00
150-250 lbs	300.00	365.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

SLAUGHTER HOGS		
52-56	200-300 lbs	46.00 52.00
	300-350 lbs	46.00 51.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	34.00 47.00
	300-350 lbs	30.00 39.00
Sows, US 1-3		
	300-500 lbs	26.00 33.00
	500-650 lbs	22.00 31.00
Boars		
	450-500 lbs	5.00 5.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HAY REPORT

Price per ton, small squares. Aug. 17, 2018.

Alfalfa/Grass-Supreme	305.00	345.00
Grass Hays-Good	175.00	240.00
Grass Hays-Fair	130.00	140.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices CONNECTICUT AND NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LBS	14.00	15.00
APPLE, GNGER GLD, LOOSE,NG	22.00	22.00
APPLE, PAULA RED, LOOSE,NG	22.00	22.00
BEANS, RND GRN, MACH PK, BU	18.00	24.00
BEANS, POLE, BU	28.00	30.00
BEANS, WAX, BU	28.00	30.00
BEAN SPROUTS,10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BEEF,CHIOGGA,25LB,M-L,LOOSE	22.00	25.00
BEETS, RED, 12 BN/CARTON	13.00	18.00
BROCC, CRN CUT, 20 LB LOOSE	20.00	22.00
CARROTS, 24-2 LB FILM, L	18.00	18.00
CARROT,25LB SACK,LOOSE,JBO	14.00	14.00
CIDER, 4-1 GALLON	22.00	22.00
CIDER, 9-1/2 GALLON	26.00	26.00
CORN-SWEET, BAG, 5 DOZEN	9.00	20.00
COLLARDS, 12 BNCH/CTN	13.00	14.00
CUKES, 1-1/9, M	12.00	16.00
EGGPLANT, WRPPD, 1-1/9, M	13.00	16.00
EGGPLANT, WRPPD, 1-1/9, L	10.00	12.00
KALE, GRN, 12 BNCH/CTN	13.00	14.00
PARSNIPS, 20 LB LOOSE, MED	23.00	25.00
PARSNIPS, 18-1 LB, MEDIUM	20.00	25.00
PEACH,1/2BU, 25 LB,NG, LOOSE	20.00	20.00
PEPPER, GRN, 1 -1/9,JMBO	12.00	14.00
PEPPER, GRN, 1 -1/9, XLARGE	12.00	14.00
PEPPER,CUBANELLE, 1-1/9, M-L	18.00	22.00
PEPPER, JALEPEN0, 1-1/9, M-L	22.00	26.00
PEPPER, LONG HOT, 1-1/9, GREEN	16.00	20.00
PEPPER, POBLANO, 1-1/9	18.00	22.00
SQUASH, ACORN, 1-1/9 M-L	18.00	22.00
SQUASH, BUTTERCUP, 1-1/9,M-L	18.00	22.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, 1-1/9, M-L	18.00	22.00
SQUASH, KABOCHA, 1-1/9, M-L	18.00	20.00
SQUASH, SPAGHETTI, 1-1/9, M-L	18.00	20.00
SQUASH, YLWSTRNCK, 1/2 BU,M	8.00	12.00
SQUASH, YLWSTRNCK, 1/2 BU,S	13.00	14.00
SQUASH, ZUCH, 1/2 BU, M	8.00	10.00
SQUASH, ZUCH, 1/2 BU, S	10.00	12.00
TOMS, GHS, 10 LBS,HEIRLOOM	14.00	16.00
TOMS, GHS, ONVINE,11LBS,S-M	15.00	15.00
TOMS, GHS, HEIRLOOM, 15 LBS	30.00	30.00
TOMS,VINERIFE,LT RED, 8QT, L	18.00	20.00
TOMS,VINERIFE,LT RED, 8QT, M	15.00	16.00

BOSTON SHIPPED IN

Price Range. Per unit.

BEAN, CRANBERRY,NY, BUSHEL	45.00	45.00
BEETS, GOLD, NJ, 12 BN/CRATE	22.00	24.00
BOK CHOY, NJ, 2 BU CARTON	28.00	30.00
BOKCHOY,BBY SHNGHAI,NJ,1.35	22.00	24.00
CABBAGE,GRN,DE/NJ,50 LB, M	14.00	18.00
CABBAGE, GREEN, NY,50 LB, L	15.00	18.00
CABBAGE,RED,DE/NJ, 50 LB,M/L	17.00	19.00
CABBAGE,SAVOY,NJ,40 LB,M/L	16.00	17.00
CELERY, CA, 1-1/2 DOZEN	18.00	24.00
CHINESE CABBAGE,NJ,1.3 BU,12	23.00	25.00
DANDELION GRN, NJ, 12 BN/CRT	16.00	18.00
ENDIVE, NJ, 1.3 BU, 24	15.00	18.00
ESCAROLE, NJ, 1.3 BU, 24	15.00	18.00
KOHLRABI, NJ, 12 BN,CTN	15.00	20.00
LEEKs, NJ, 12 BN/CRATE	22.00	24.00
LETTc, NJ, GRNLF, 24/CTN	12.00	15.00
LETTc, NJ, REDLF, 24/CTN	12.00	15.00
PARSLEY, CURLY,NJ, 60BN/CTN	22.00	26.00
PARSLEY, FLAT,NJ, 60BN/CTN	23.00	26.00
RADISHES, NJ, 24 BN/CRATE	12.00	14.00
SPINACH, FLAT, NJ, 24	22.00	25.00
SWISS CHARD, MX CLR, NJ, 12	16.00	18.00
TURNIP, PRPL TOP, CA, 25 LBS	14.00	14.00
WATERMLN, DE, 14-16LB, EA	3.00	3.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - August 20, 2018

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	22.00	25.00
61-75 lbs.	35.00	40.00
76-90 lbs.	45.00	50.00
91-105 lbs.	55.00	65.00
106 lbs. & up	75.00	145.00
Farm Calves	150.00	160.00
Starter Calves	20.00	24.00
Veal Calves	85.00	130.00
Feeder Heifers	65.00	70.00
Beef Heifers	64.00	89.00
Feeder Steers	50.00	110.00
Beef Steers	71.00	95.00
Feeder Bulls	n/a	n/a
Beef Bulls	65.00	71.00
Replacement Cows	700.00	800.00
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	2@	.25
Butcher Hogs each	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs each	20.00	40.00
Sheep each	160.00	260.00
Lambs each	90.00	300.00
Goats each	130.00	390.00
Kid Goats each	70.00	300.00
Canners	up to	51.50
Cutters	52.00	54.00
Utility Grade Cows	55.00	58.00
Rabbits each	4.00	13.00
Chickens each	3.00	15.00
Ducks each	4.00	10.00

GREYSTONE AUCTION

August 16. Price per lb or as labeled.

BANTY HENS, EA	2.50	3.00
BROILERS	.50	.85
CHICKS, EA	.50	.70
XBRED ROOSTERS, 7-11	.85	1.00
XBRED ROOSTERS, 4-6	1.30	1.45
XBRED FOWL, 5-9	.75	.85
DUCKs, CALL, EA	8.00	8.00
DRAKES, MUSCOVY	1.35	1.80
HENS, MUSCOVY	1.40	1.40
DUCKs, PEKIN, EA	6.00	7.00
DUCKLINGS, EA	1.00	1.00
GEESE, EA	12.00	15.00
GOOSE EGGS, EA	4.00	4.50
GUINEA KEETS, EA	1.10	2.00
LAYING PULLETS, EA	6.00	6.50
LEGHORN HENS, EA	1.50	1.50
LEGHORN ROOSTR, EA	3.25	3.25
PEACOCKS, EA	40.00	65.00
PIGEONS, EA	4.00	4.00
PHEASANTS, EA	8.00	10.00
PIGEONS, FANCY, EA	21.00	31.00
PULLETS 4-6	.80	.80
QUAIL, EA	.90	1.10
RABBITS 6-9	1.50	1.65
RABBITS 4-6	1.35	1.60
RED FOWL 5-6	.70	.90
RED FOWL 4-5	.65	.85
TURKEY POULTs, EA	2.25	2.75

WHOLESALE ORGANIC

BROWN EGGS

Price per unit to first receivers.

EXTRA LARGE		
DOZEN	2.61	3.60
1/2 DOZEN	1.80	1.95
LARGE		
DOZEN	2.30	3.50
1/2 DOZEN	1.71	1.90

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other states along the Avenue to celebrate Harvest New England Day. In 1992 the New England states formed Harvest New England as a collaborative to facilitate sales of agricultural products.

A Harvest New England passport program encourages fairgoers to visit each state building to learn about their production agriculture, answer questions, and collect a stamp. Upon completing their passport they are eligible to receive a commemorative tote bag.



Connecticut farm wineries booth at the Big E.

On this special day, the front lawn of the Connecticut Building will host a variety of Connecticut farm businesses, including Creamery Brook Bison with bison chili and burgers; Killam and Bassette Farmstead with apple pie jam pancakes, and Cold Spring Farm with a variety of fresh produce and educational materials. DoAg will also be visible with an agriculture trivia wheel, giveaways, and staff ready to stamp passports.

Outside of the Connecticut Building, there are a host of agricultural activities such as beef, dairy, sheep, and swine shows, sheep dog trials, and the Eastern States Exposition Horse Show, in addition to wine, cheese and cider competitions.

The Big E also offers concerts, rides, a daily Mardi Gras parade, and many other activities. For more information visit www.thebige.com. Admission tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children ages 6-12. Children five and under are free.

If you are an agricultural business or organization interested in exhibiting in the future, please contact Rebecca Eddy at Rebecca.Eddy@ct.gov or 860-713-2538.

HIRING AND LABOR ISSUES WORKSHOP

Join the Department of Agriculture (DoAg) on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 for a workshop to discuss hiring and labor issues at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, 123 Huntington St., New Haven, CT, from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Heather Callahan from the U.S. Department of Labor will give a presentation on the H2A Program, a temporary agricultural employee program, discussing H-2A standards related to recruitment, wages, housing, transportation, and recordkeeping for employers of temporary non-immigrant agricultural workers admitted to the country under Section 218 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). Following, a panel of Connecticut producers will share their experience with the program and answer questions.

This is a free program funded by a grant from UConn Extension and is a cooperative effort of DoAg, UConn Extension, and the Risk Management Agency/ USDA. To register for this event email Rebecca.Eddy@ct.gov by Friday, August 31, 2018.

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**CONNECTICUT HOSTS SESSION TO IMPROVE
USDA AGRICULTURAL LANDS EASEMENT PROGRAM**

Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky and the Connecticut Department of Agriculture hosted a two-day work session in Hartford, August 14-15, 2018 to find solutions for better aligning USDA's Agricultural Lands Easement (ALE) program with the needs of Northeast farms seeking to protect their farmland.



USDA's farm production and conservation missionaries this week conducted a two-day work session in Hartford to find solutions to better align federal and state farmland protection programs. Participants included USDA staff, state departments of agriculture, and program users. Process improvements have been a high priority for Connecticut Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky for many years.

Participants included USDA staff, state departments of agriculture, and ALE users. The session was spearheaded by USDA Under Secretary Bill Northey and his chief of staff, Jamie Clover Adams, following meetings with Commissioner Reviczky, president of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture.



Jamie Clover Adams, Chief of Staff to USDA Under Secretary Bill Northey, discusses next steps at the conclusion of the two-day work session in Hartford.

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